

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

6 September 2018

3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Loman Student Center Building

Senators Present (28).

Donald Albert (COSET), Burcu Ates (COE), Maria Botero (CHSS), Siham Bouamer (CHSS), Leonard Breen (COE), Valencia Browning-Keen (COHS), Don Bumpass (COBA), Kevin Clifton (COAM), Brandy Doleshal (COSET), Jaime Duran (COE), Randy Garner (CJ), Donovan Haines (COSET), Michael Hanson (NGL), Damon Hay (COSET), John Lane (COAM), Bobby LaRue (CJ), Ken McIntyre (CHSS), Lee Miller (CHSS), Marianne Moore (COHS), Carolyn Moore (COAM), Jan Taylor Morris (COBA), Benjamin Park (CHSS), Vlad Radoias (COBA), Stephen Rapp (CHSS), D.T. Ratnapradipa (COHS), Susan Skidmore (COE), Nancy Stockall (COE), Anthony Watkins (COAM)

Senators Not Present (2).

Renee James (COSET), One Senator not yet accepting election (CHSS).

2017-2018 Senators (5).

Jonathan Breazeale (COBA), Andrea Foster (COE), William Jasper (COSET), Melinda Miller (COE), Ryan Zapalac (COHS)

Called to Order.

3:31 PM, Loman Student Center room 304 by outgoing Chair Jonathan Breazeale. Chair's gavel was handed over to incoming senate Chair Anthony Watkins.

Special Guests. Dr. Dana Hoyt – University President, Dr. Richard Eglsaer – Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

President Hoyt recognized outgoing chair and senators for their service.

President Hoyt and Provost Eglsaer spoke about:

The vote by the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board on the School of Osteopathic Medicine which passed 5/4. She described the political fight with the commissioner of the board over the plan.

They addressed senator's concerns including:

- The broken elevators in the Lee Drain building and the instance of a wheelchair bound student being stuck on an upper floor due to the broken elevators. President Hoyt said she would bring it up with the appropriate groups on campus. She mentioned there are funds set aside to overhaul the Lee Drain building.

- Accessibility for disabled students across campus. Mention of a University of Houston study mapping accessibility of Texas universities and SHSU scored poorly. The Student government's autumn safety walk and the Faculty Senate's participation in the exercise was highlighted as a means to identify problems. Provost said that we work hard to correct inaccessibility when they become aware of it. Topography of campus is an inherent problem.
- The cost of parking. President Hoyt said that the costs are not going to get cheaper.
- The status of adjuncts, the number of classes they're asked to teach, and their pay. The President and Provost discussed some of the complexities of the issue. The Cabinet of Deans is discussing measures to improve things. The President would welcome Senate input on this topic. Mention was made of the problem with the current analytic tools incorrectly interpreting the data. The work being done by Stephanie Fors to better the use data and metrics to apportion classes.
- The number of grad students who are using the student foodbank is concerning. President Hoyt acknowledged the issue and added that the problem is a concern for undergraduates. She pointed to Dean Hendrickson's work on the grad student stipend, but we are still working to get to where we want to be on this issue.

Senator Self-Introductions: Senators took a brief moment to introduce themselves to the group.

Chair's Report: None

Old Business: Summer Business –

APS 840502 – Admission Standards for Undergraduate Students was approved by senate with 20 approval votes and 10 abstentions.

Minutes from Senate meeting on 26 April 2018 approved.

New Business:

Selection of Senate Committee Chairs: Committee assembled to choose a chair for this Senate session. Chairs are:

Academic Affairs: Valencia Browning-Keen

Committee on Committees and Surveys: Brandy Doleshal

Faculty Affairs: Ken McIntyre

University Affairs: Stephen Rapp

Summer Policy Committee Review. Committee reviewed 30 policies. 21 recommended for approval or recension. Faculty senators asked to review the 11 following policies and be prepared to comment and vote on 20 September. Policies and summer discussions may be found on the Faculty Senate Blackboard site.

APS 800925 - Faculty Retirement and Emeritus Status (Recommend to approve 180620)

APS 891208 - Use of Copyrighted Material (Recommend to approve 180620)

APS 950531 - Uniform Degree Plan (Recommend to approve 180620)

APS 950818 - Distribution of Recovered Indirect Costs (Recommend to approve 180620)

APS 810701 - Instructional Overload Assignment (Recommend to rescind 180711)

APS 860811 - Outside Employment for Faculty (Recommend to approve 180629)

APS 930129 - Enrollment Thesis Dissertation Courses (Recommend to approve 180716)

APS 950609 - Establishment and Review of Centers and Institutes (Recommend to approve 180712)

APS 830823 - Reproducing Student Academic Records (Recommend to rescind 180726)

APS 850822 - Guidelines for Awarding Academic Scholarships (Recommend to approve 180727)

APS 940202 - Payments to University Employees for Services (Recommend to rescind 180730)

Request made to senators to arrange meetings within their departments and colleges, particularly to discuss academic policies on FES, promotion and tenure, and post tenure review. Senators asked to pay attention to and reach out to departments in their college that may not have a senator.

Issues raised by Senators for consideration during this session:

- College leadership, particularly Deans and Associate Deans.
- Clarifying the new University drug policy and how this might affect groups across campus like the University tailgating committee.
- Peer professors making teaching evaluations for FES.
- Faculty Certification and Course Redesign/Online Course Redesign & Faculty Certification and future stipends.
- Faculty leave for dependent care.

Adjournment:

5:06 PM